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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT : Narcotics Warning Assessment

The Ambassador-Designate to Colombia, Lewis Tambs, joined Community representatives to discuss the following items at the 21 March Warning Meeting.

- I. Warning -- no Narcotics-related warning topics were discussed.
- II. Regional Developments
  - A. The NIO/Narcotics commented on his recent briefing for Senator Hawkins on Cuban involvement in narcotics trafficking. Mr. Gries reported that a new interagency group of representatives from NSA, DEA, and CIA will meet on an ad hoc basis to review Cuba's link to the illicit drug trade, and will report significant information to the Warning group as appropriate. An FBI paper on the same topic may be available early next week.
  - B. In a letter to the Warning group, Deputy Assistant DEA Administrator Gary Liming suggested the addition of hashish to the list of major drugs of concern, and noted that marijuana and other related cannabis products are now thought to rank second in value after cocaine. The DEA representative noted that his agency is now seeing more use and greater seizures of marijuana and higher potency hashish, and suspects that marijuana exports from Thailand approach or exceed the street value for heroin. CIA said that some information is available on hashish trade flows and values but indicated that no estimates have been produced and no concerted effort has been made on the subject. The NIO/Narcotics agreed that the subject should be considered and the group discussed tasking and other methods of obtaining information.

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- C. CIA discussed recent testimony before the Solarz Subcommittee on changes in trafficking patterns in Thailand, Burma, and Pakistan. CIA representative [redacted] noted that local addiction rates seem to increase in countries which begin to refine heroin. 25X1

III. Interagency Work

- A. [redacted] CIA reported that the first draft of a Primer on Financial Flow Information should be complete by mid-April. Mr. Gries indicated that a new interagency format might be considered for publication of the Primer -- perhaps a NIC typescript. 25X1
- B. Jon Wiant/State discussed the new Critical Intelligence Problems Committee and said its working group on Narcotics should complement the efforts of the Warning group. The working group of the CIPC -- composed of representatives of CIA, DIA, NSA, State, and the military services -- plans to meet monthly and will focus on identifying gaps in intelligence which can be filled by the various agencies involved.
- C. [redacted] CIA reported on [redacted] Colombia's Drug Trade, and said that contributions for several annexes are still expected. The biographic supplement will be circulated to all agencies for inclusion of additional material. 25X1
- D. Problems and prospects for an NIE on World Opium Production and Trade will be discussed at the next meeting.

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